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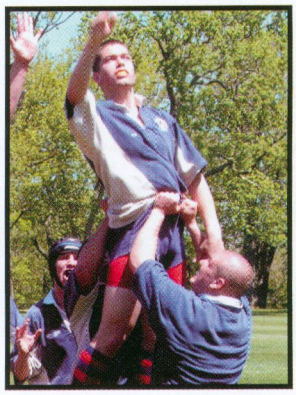

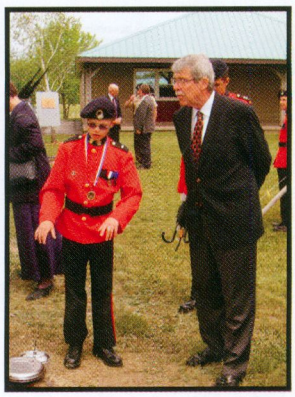

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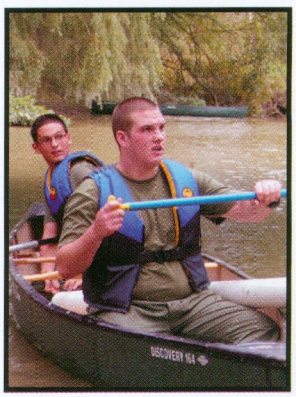

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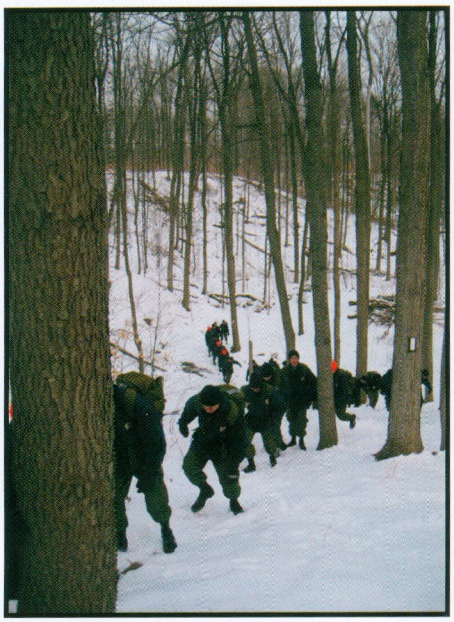
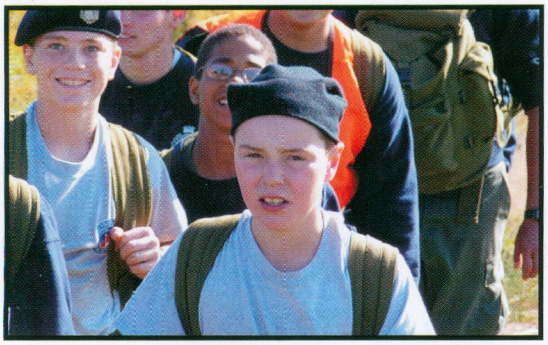
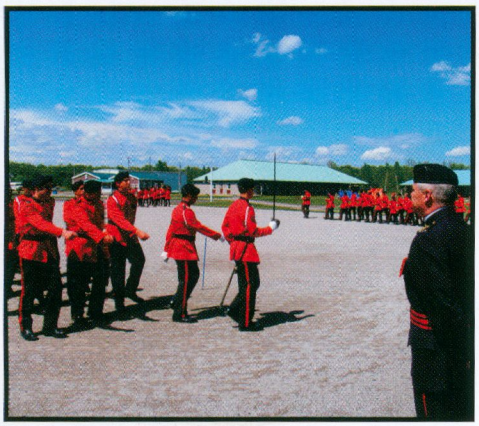
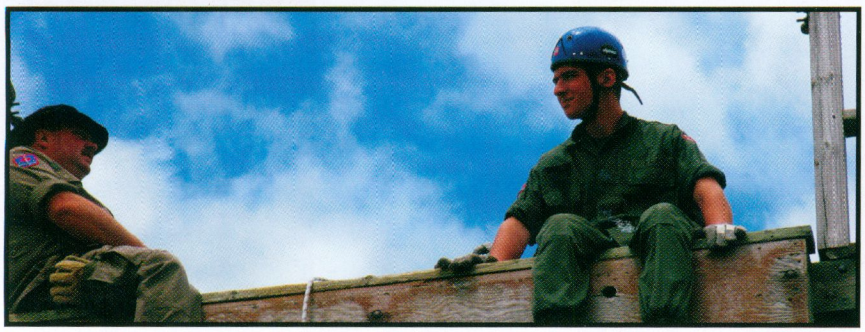








Headmaster's Address

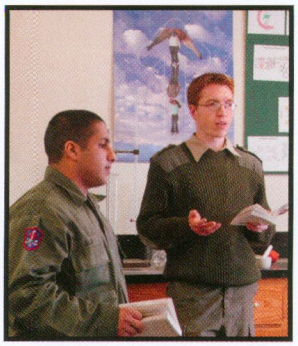
Lieutenant Colonel G.S. Bowman
Founder & Headmaster

It has been a year of substantial accomplishment and growth!

Our graduates have achieved wonderful results and will take a part of Robert Land academy with them to universities and colleges across Canada and beyond. Many of these fine young men have made significant contributions to the Academy through their leadership postings and peer tutoring. Many have participated extensively in varsity sports and have been positive exemplars for others. Best wishes to them all!

One of the highlights of 2004/2005 was the dedication of Ritchie Hall. We are all the beneficiaries of Colonel Struan Ritchie's loyalty to Robert Land Academy since its inception in 1978. Colonel Ritchie is a parent of one of the original 28 Cadets, a founding member of the Parents' Auxiliary, a long standing member of the Board of Governors, a patron and Robert Land Academy's first Honorary Colonel. It is a fitting tribute to have our Academy headquarters building named in his honour.

As always, a special thank you needs to be extended to our faculty whose commitment to the welfare and development of our boys is beyond measure. I know they join me in looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year in 2005/2006.



The fundamentals of academics!

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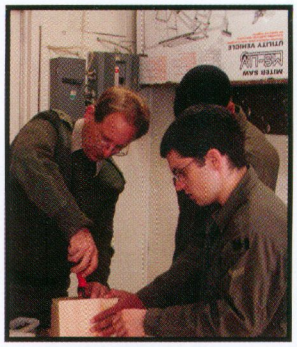

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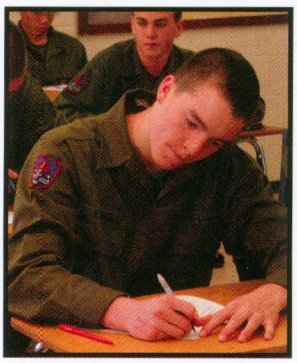

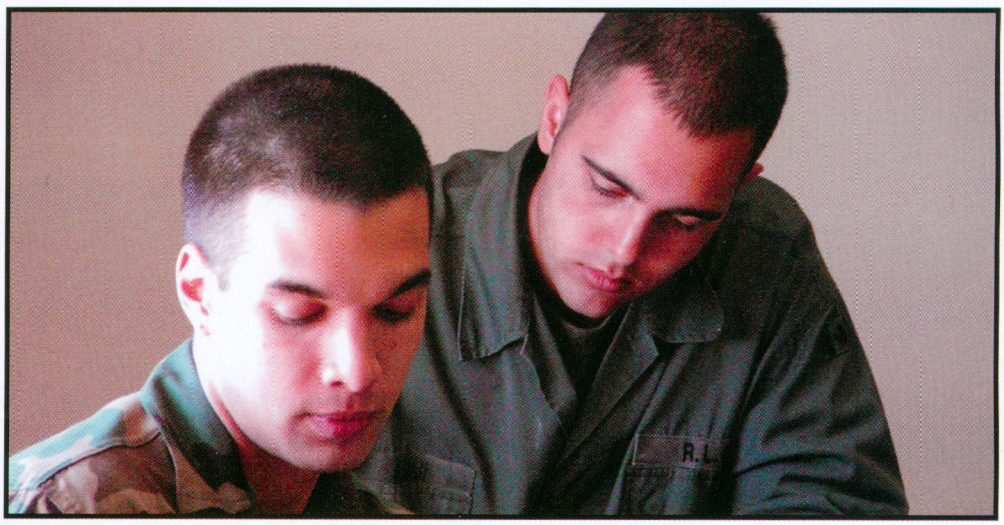

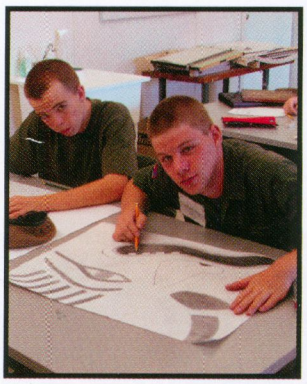

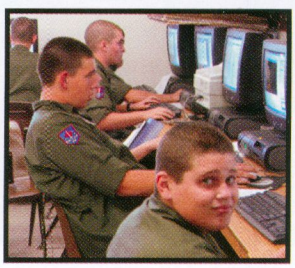

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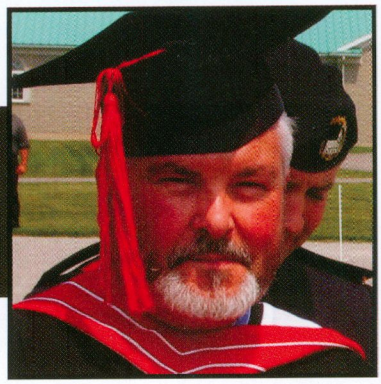

The academic year of 2004-2005 was eventful and productive. New cadets discovered that they could achieve grades through hard work and dedication that they had never believed possible. Returning cadets built upon their previous successes. Graduates started the year worrying about which universities to apply to and then worried watching the mail for acceptance packages. This anxiety was further developed and refined by the final stage of worrying about which of the numerous college and university offers they should accept. By the end of the term, every graduate who applied to a college or university was accepted. For a significant number of these cadets, this was an achievement that before entering the Academy they would not have dreamed possible. They could deserve to be justifiably proud of this achievement. However, not one of them could deny their indebtedness to the members of the Robert Land staff at all levels assisting, supporting and coaching them across the finish line.

Robert Land Academy is fortunate to have a staff whose work is a calling rather than a job. By virtue of temperament, education and experience, they exhibit a dedication to the higher calling of their profession rarely encountered in schools today. It is they who are directly responsible for creating the environment through and in which our boys can achieve the success that eluded them in the past and which can become the touchstone for their future. I would ask all cadets when reading this book in years to come to look back and remember the extra work and dedication exhibited by the staff that you took for granted precisely because it was always available.

The Academy provides a tough and demanding environment intended to nurture and develop character. Character is a word mostly lost in contemporary educational vocabulary. It consists of a balance of mind and spirit that seeks challenge and responds constructively to changing times and circumstances be they good or bad. Men of character find strength within themselves and through their example they are able to engender it in others. Leadership does not consist in physical force but in moral force. May you become good citizens, good husbands and good fathers. May the world be a better place because of you. May you add to the world and not be seen to have subtracted from it.

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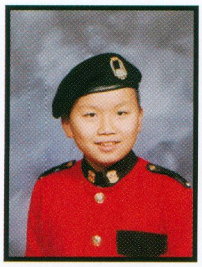

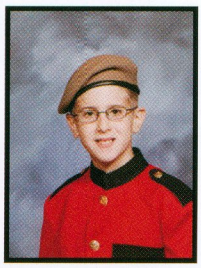

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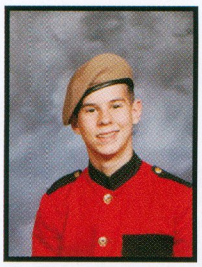
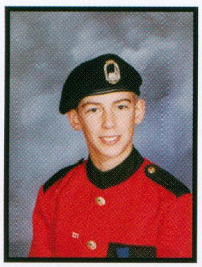
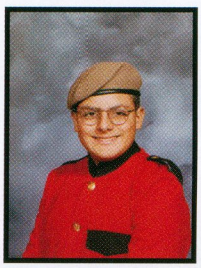
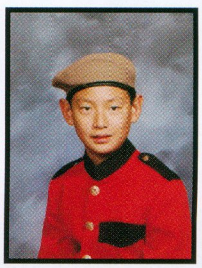
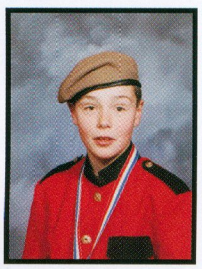

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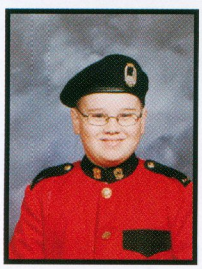
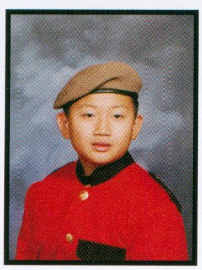

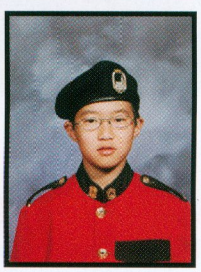

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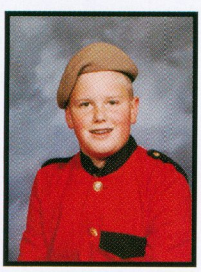
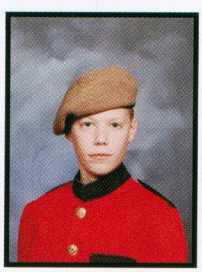
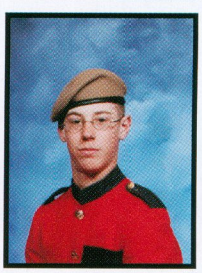
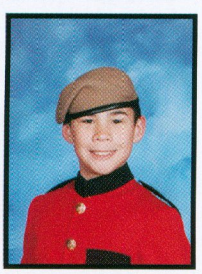

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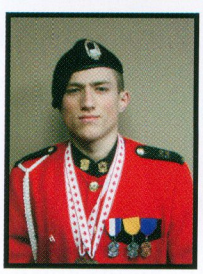
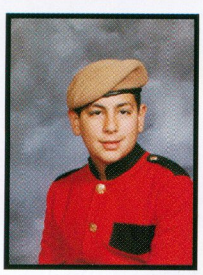
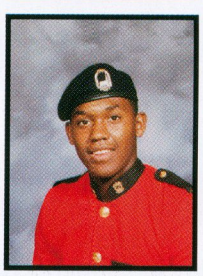
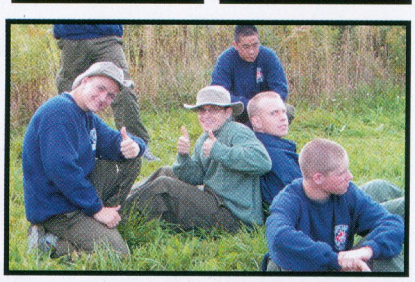

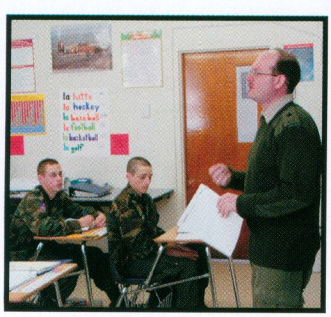

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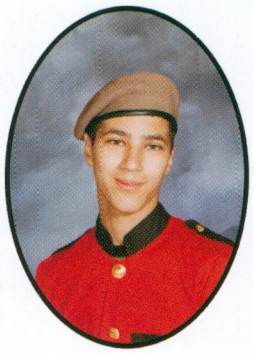

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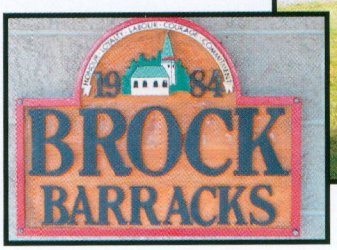

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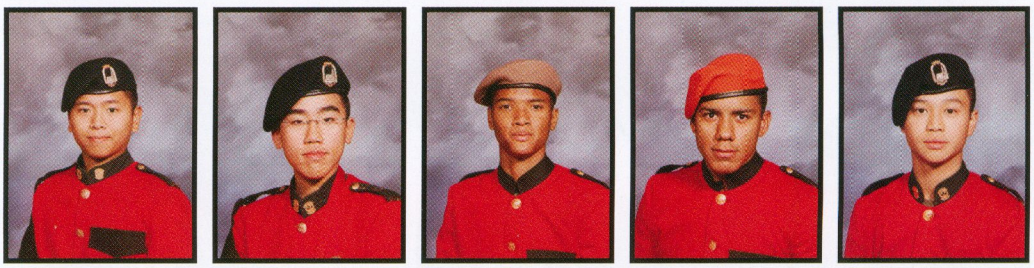

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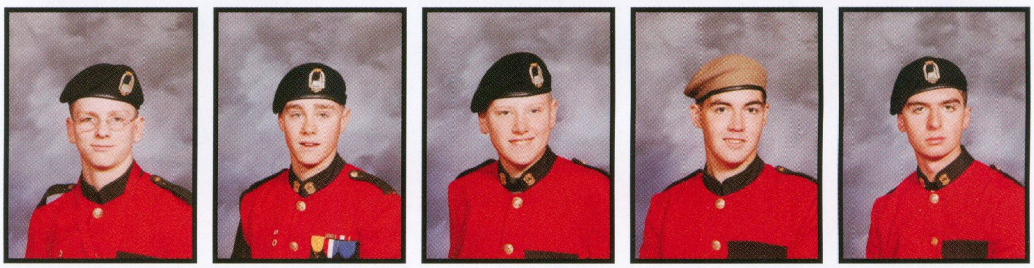

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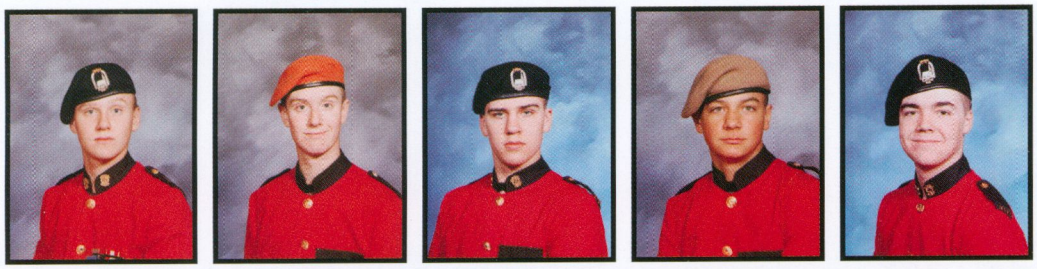

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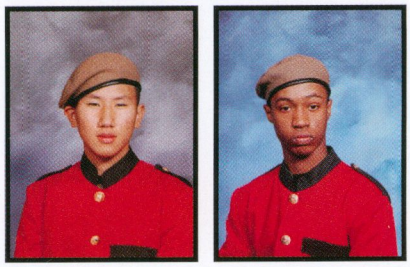

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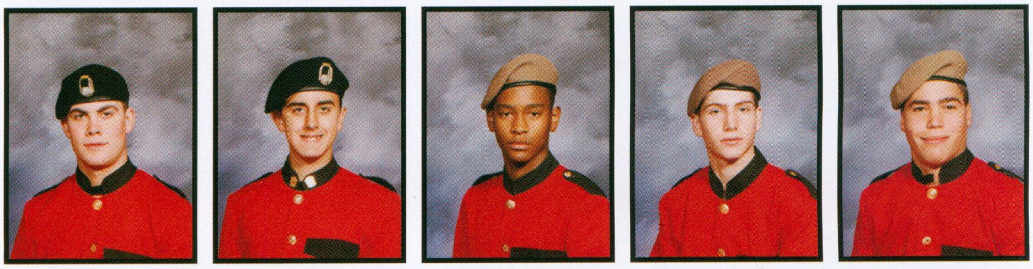

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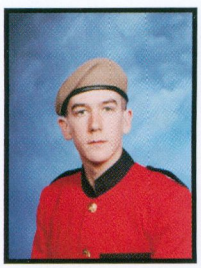
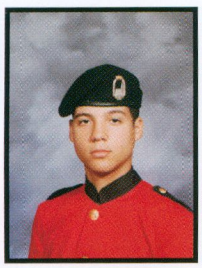

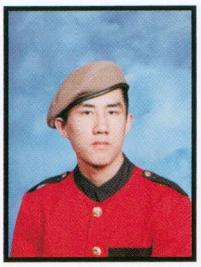
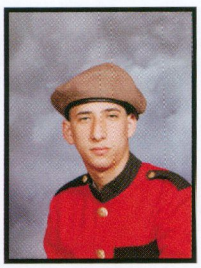

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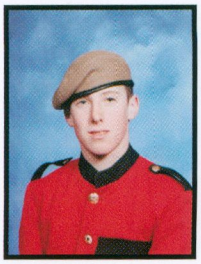

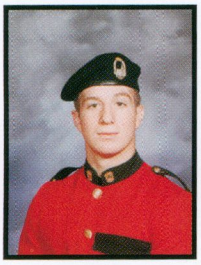
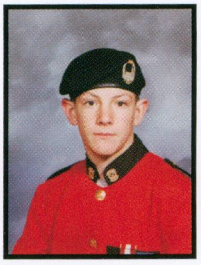
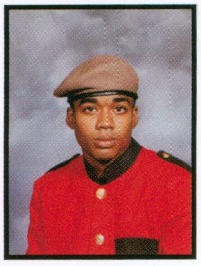

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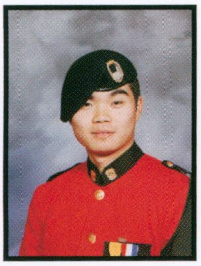
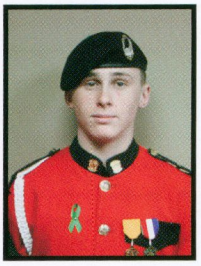

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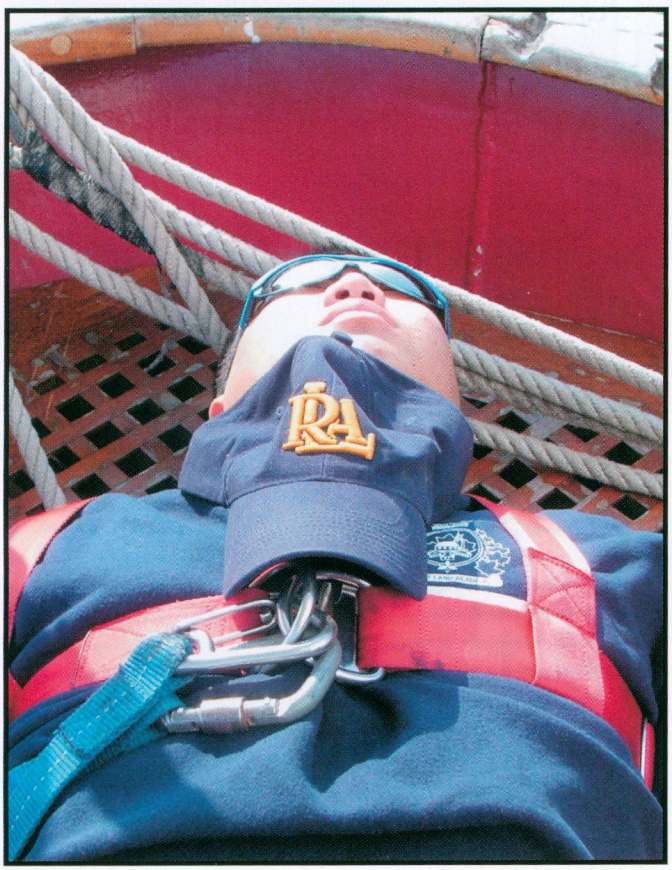

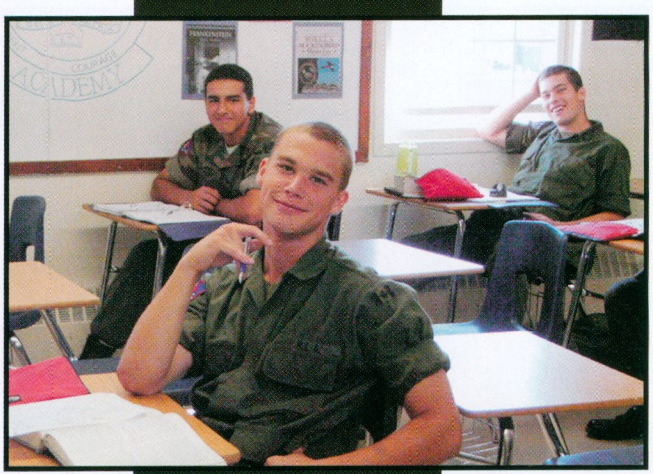

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Andrew Belov
Jason Bergatt
Matthew Cathers

Jonathan Dantley
Brett Derochie
Mark Diosy
Ilya Dolgopolov
Chris Eastwood-Miles

Adam Eddy
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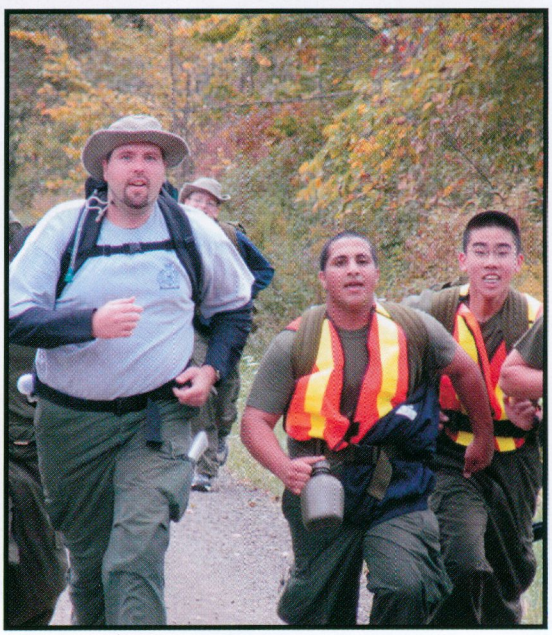

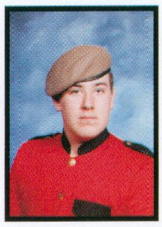

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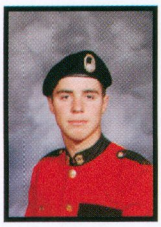
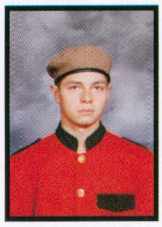
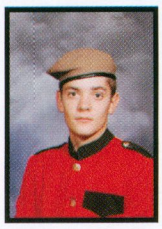

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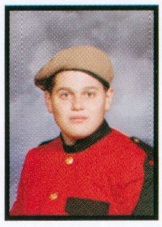
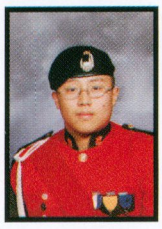

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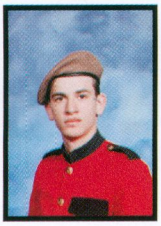

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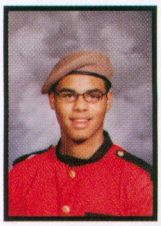
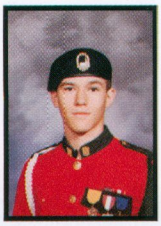

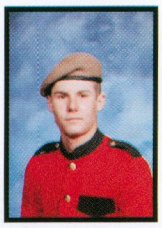

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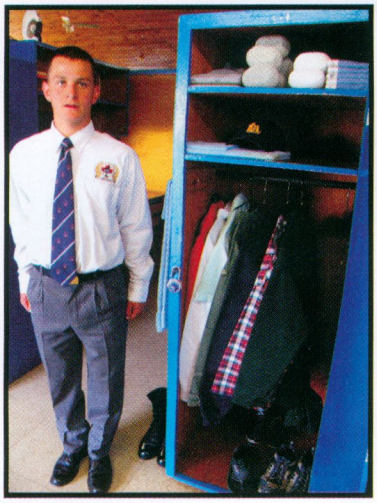
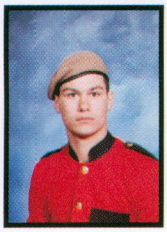
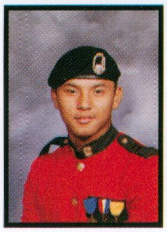

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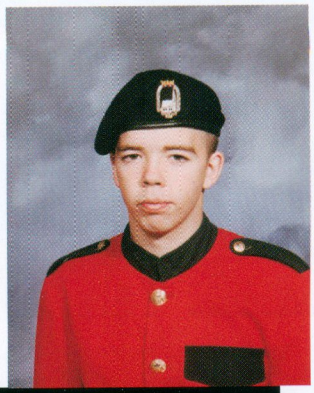

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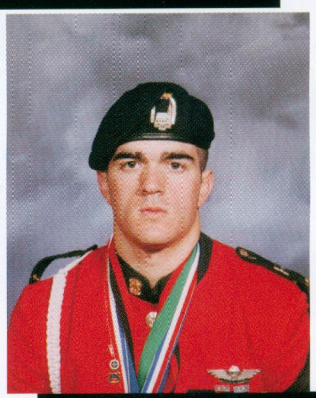

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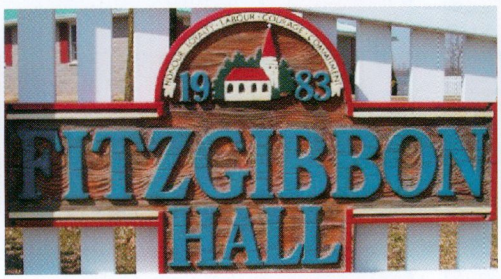


GRADE 12 GRADUATES

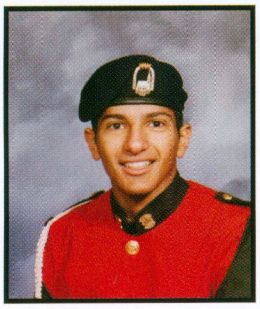
CLASS OF 2005

Cpl Ian Eddington

Ian was awarded the Service Pin and Bronze Citizenship Award. He was also on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Ian was the recipient of the Royal Canadian Legion Dunnville Branch 142 Bursary and was the Academy Valedictorian. He accepted a position at the Royal Military College to study Marine Engineering.

L/Cpl Ahmed Al Braiki

Ahmed was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Bronze Academics, Bronze Athletics and Silver Citizenship Awards. He was accepted to Laurentian University (Computer Science). Ahmed plans to attend university overseas.

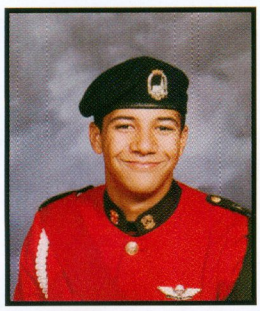


L/Cpl Andrew Fiala

Andrew was awarded the Service Pin and Bronze Citizenship Award. He accepted a position at the Ontario College of Art & Design to study Graphic Design.

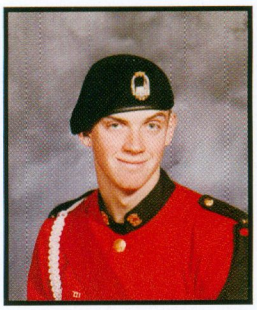
Sgt Shawn Davis

Shawn was awarded the Service Pin and the Bronze Citizenship Award, and was the Academy's Head Boy. Shawn accepted a position at John Abbot College to study Pathways to the Creative Arts.



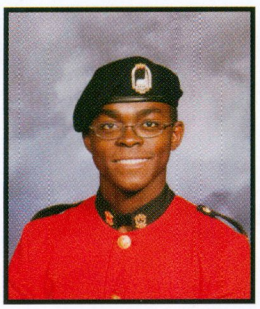
L/Cpl Ryan Gal

Ryan was awarded the Service Pin, Gold Academics and Bronze Athletics Awards. He was on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Ryan accepted a position at the University of Western Ontario to study Admin Commercial Studies.



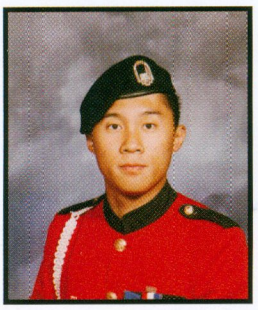
L/Cpl Jean-Jacques Eckebil

Jean was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Bronze Academics, Bronze Athletics, and Silver Citizenship Awards. He accepted a position at Guelph University and Humber College in their Joint Business Administration Programme.



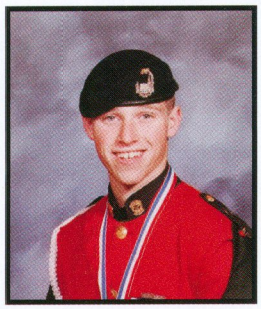
L/Cpl Richard Ge

Richard was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Gold Academics, Bronze Athletics, and Silver Citizenship Awards, and was the recipient of the Creative Writing Award and the Senior Science Book Prize. He was also on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Richard accepted a position at Queen's University to study science.



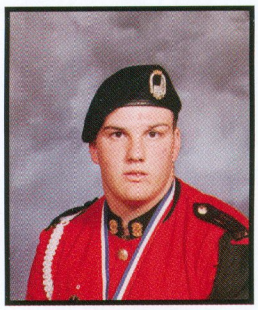
Cpl Adam Goldman

Adam was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Bronze Academics, Silver Citizenship and had Marks of Distinction. He accepted a position at Dalhousie University to study Commerce.



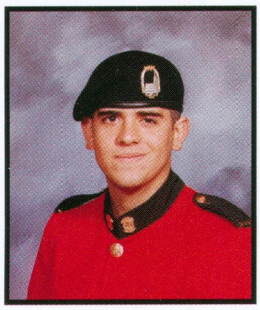
L/Cpl Stewart Hopkins

Stewart was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, and the Bronze Athletics Award. He is persuing a career with the Canadian Forces.



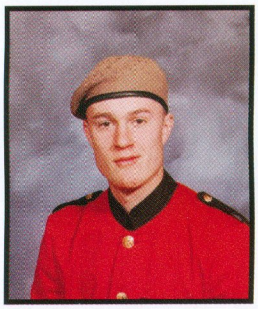
L/Cpl Ernesto Graveran

Ernesto was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Bronze Academics and Silver Athletics Awards. He accepted a position at the Univeristy of Ontario Institute of Technology to study Commerce.



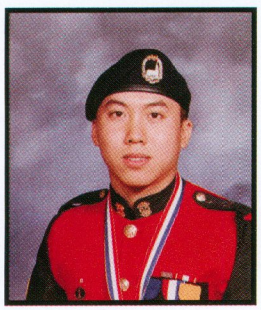
D/Bar Philip Jacobs

Philip was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Gold Academics, and Bronze Athletics Awards, and the Track & Field MVP Award. He was also on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Philip accepted a position at the University of Western Ontario in the Admin Commercial Studies Program.



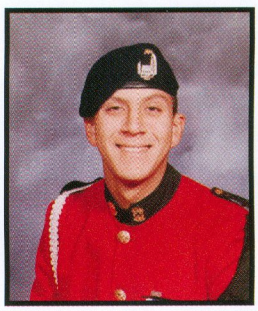
Cdt Ivan Ho

Ivan was awarded the Service Pin and Gold Academics Award. He was also on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. He acccepted a position at the University of Western Ontario to study Biological Science.



L/Cpl Conor Kinsella

Conor was awarded the Service Pin, Bronze Academics, Silver Athletics and Bronze Citizenship Awards, and was the recipient of the Soccer MVP Award and the Sergeants' Major Award. He accepted a position at the Arizona State University.

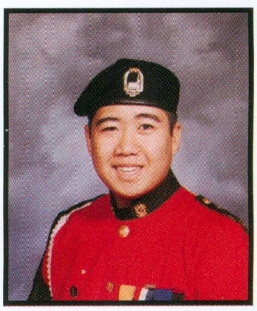


L/Cpl Brent Hogarth

Brent was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Gold Academics, Silver Athletics, and Silver Citizenship Awards, the Snr. Basketball MVP Award, and the Senior Visual Arts Prize. He was also on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Brent accepted a position with the University of Western Ontario to study the arts.

Cpl Oliver Lam

Oliver was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Gold Academics, Bronze Athletics, and Silver Citizenship Awards. He was also on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Oliver acepted a position at the University of Waterloo to study Life Sciences.

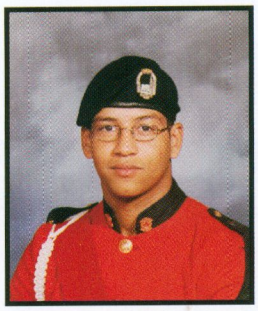


Cadet Adrian Lazarovits

Adrian was awarded the Academy Service Pin. He accepted a position at Mount Alison University to study Commerce.

WO Christopher Solomon

Chris was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Gold Academics, Bronze Athletics, and Silver Citizenship Awards. He was also the recipient of the Robert Land Trophy and the Headmaster's Medal. Chris is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. He served his graduating year as the Parade Sergeant Major. Chris plans to attend university in the United States.

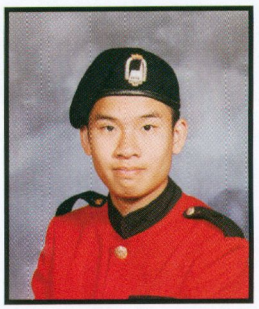


Bar. Sungchan (Sunny) Lee

Sunny was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Gold Academics and Bronze Athletics Awards, and the Senior Computer Science Book Prize. He was on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Sunny accepted a position at the Univeristy of Western Ontario to study Admin & Commercial Sciences.

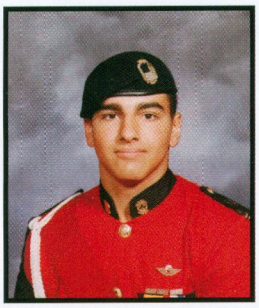
Bar John Wu

John was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin and Bronze Citizenship Award. He was aslo the recipient of the Larry Davidson Memorial Award, the W.L. Hawkins Award, and the Principals Award of Excellence. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. John accepted a position at the University of Waterloo to study Computer Engineering.



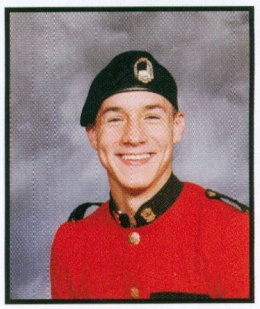
Bar. Robert Olsen

Robert was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Bonze Academics and Silver Athletics Awards. He was also the recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award. Robert accepted a position at the University of Toronto to study Materials Engineering.



D/Bar. Andrew Zygouris

Andrew was awarded the Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, and the Bronze Citizenship Award. Andrew accepted a position at the University of Toronto to study Business Management.



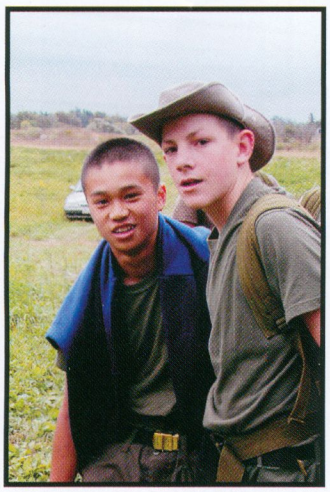
Cadet Tim Perry

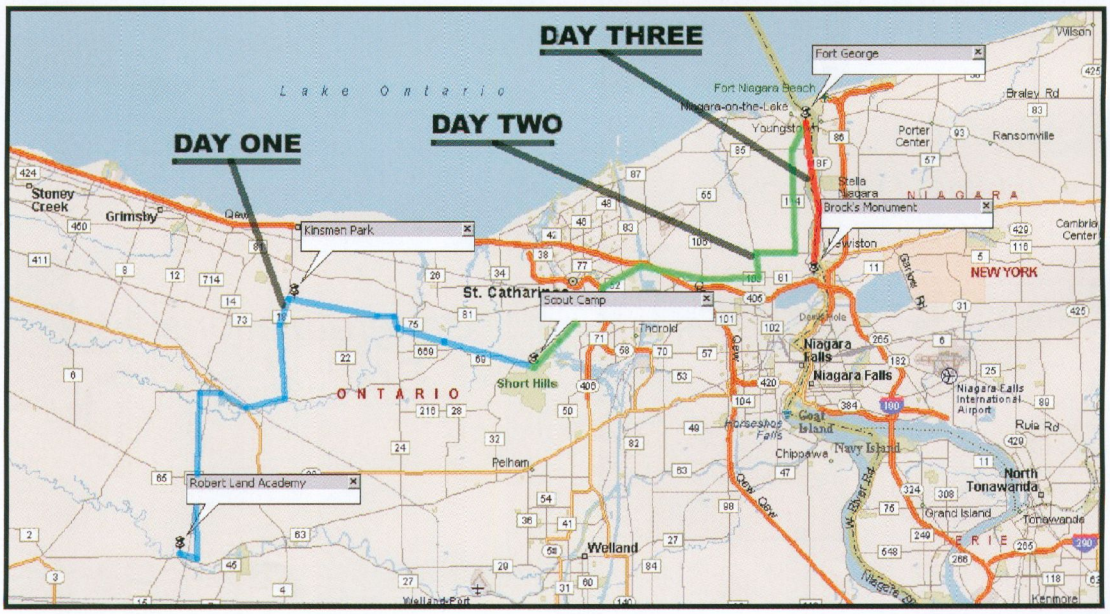
Tim was awarded the Gold Academics Award. He was also the recipient of the Royal Bank Senior Business and Commerce Prize, the Senior Math Prize, and ranked in the top 25% of contestants in the University of Waterloo Euclid Math Competition. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Tim accepted a position at the University of Waterloo to study Math & Accounting.

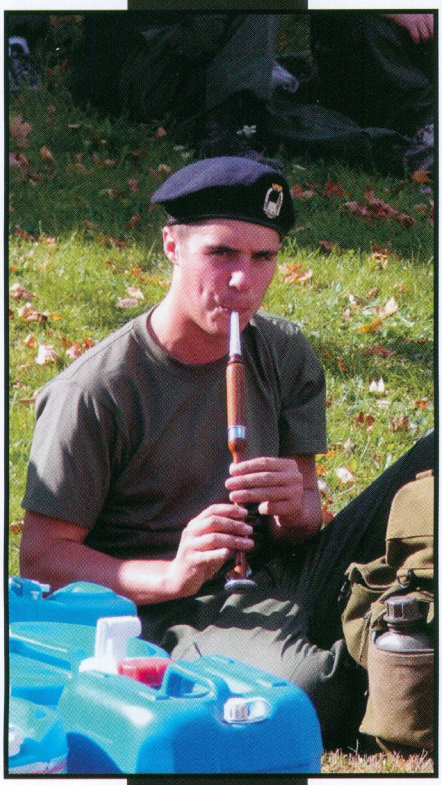
Congratulations Graduates!

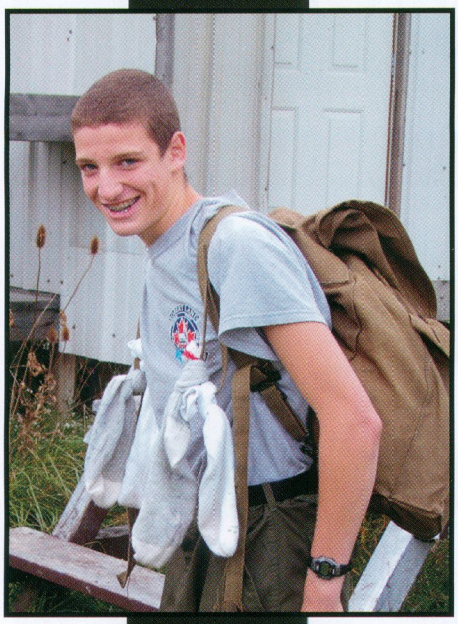
THE FALL EXERCISE

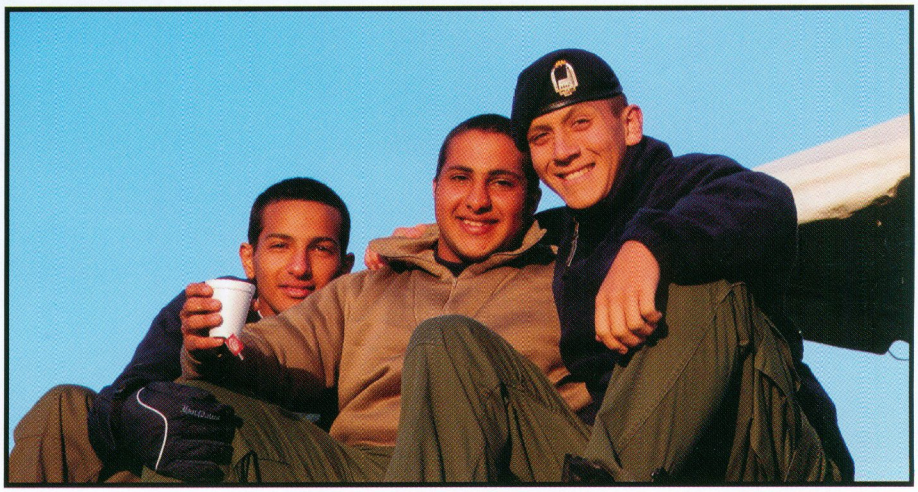
Each year, cadets participate in the three day Fall Exercise, a 90 km march from the Academy grounds to the Brock Monument at Queenston Heights. On route, cadets are involved in small group initiative tasks that teach communication and problem solving skills, area geography and history.

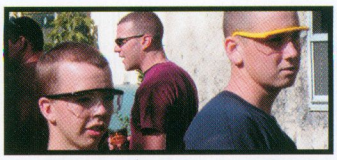


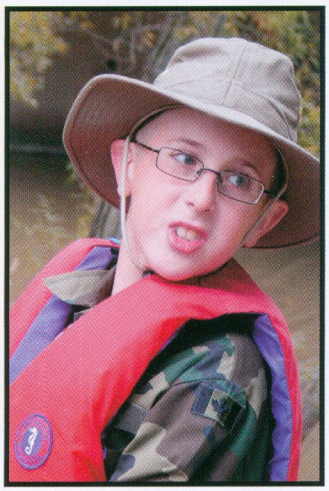


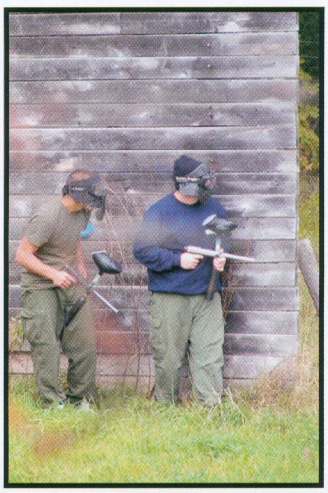


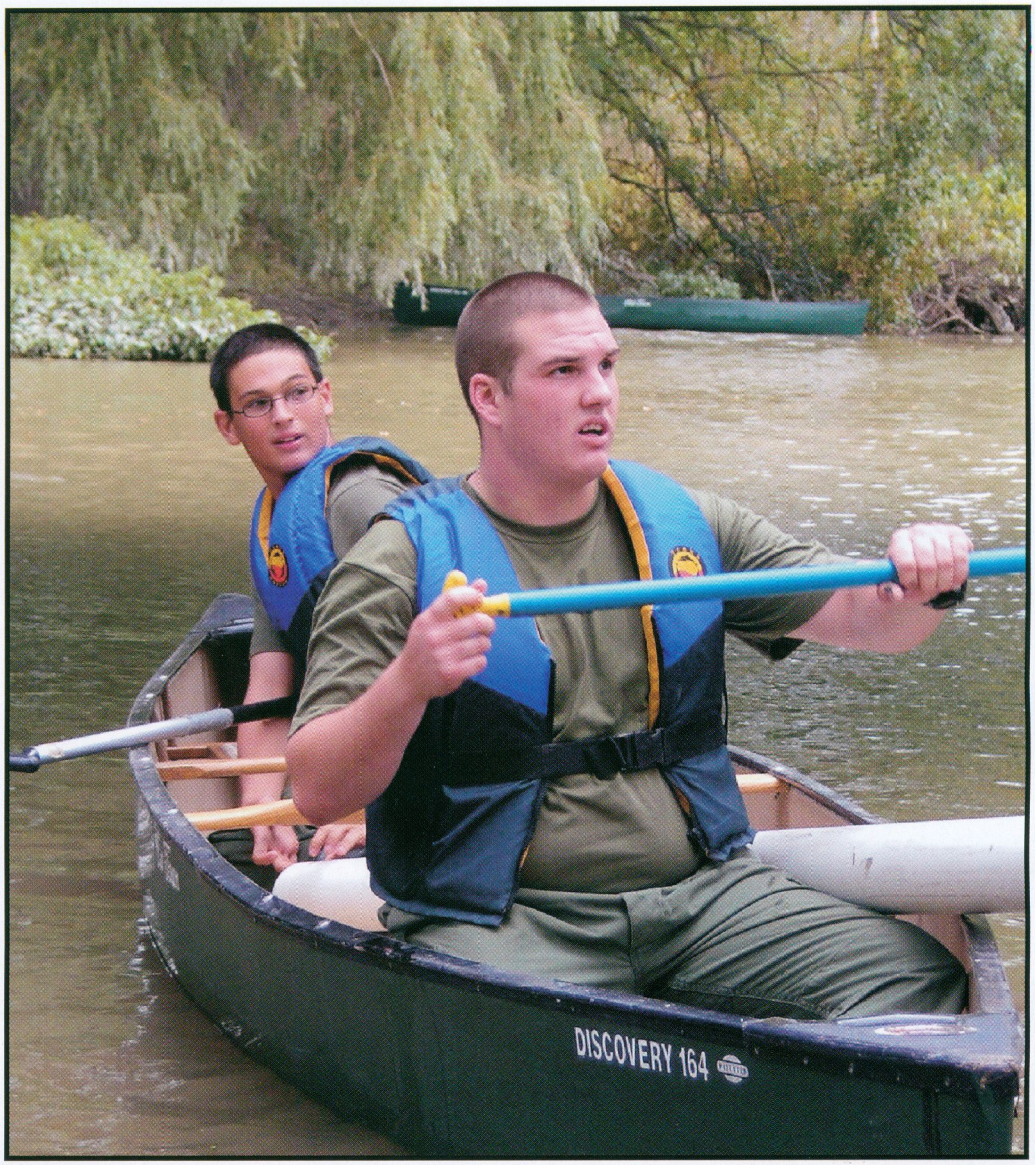








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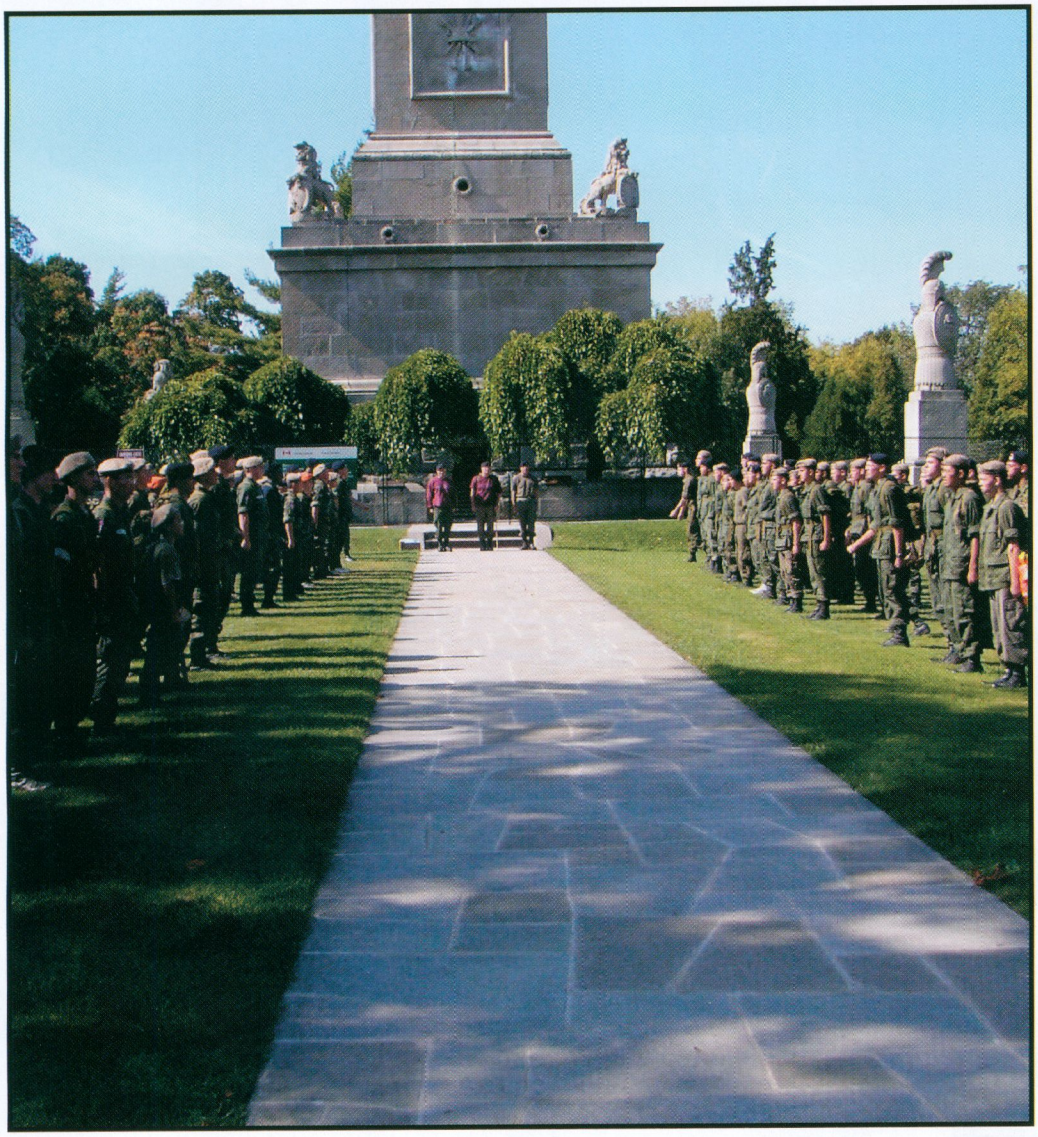

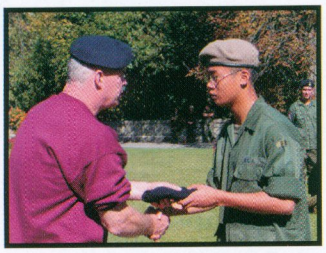

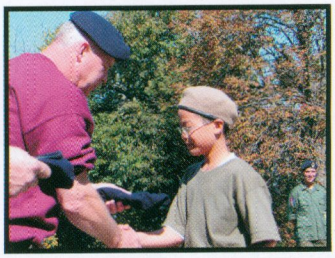

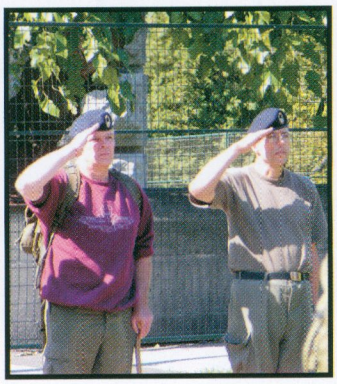

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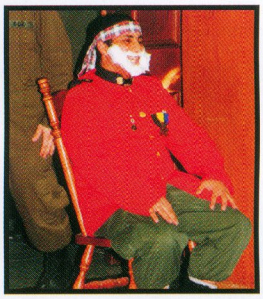
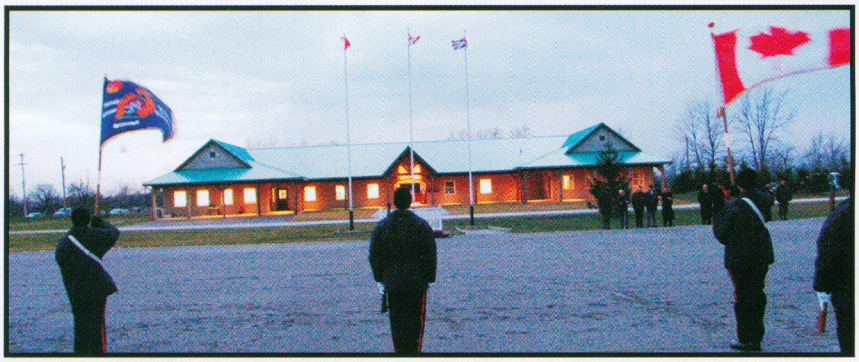
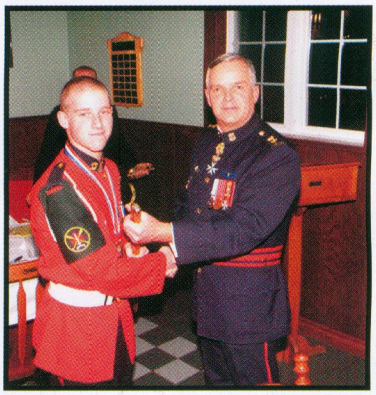
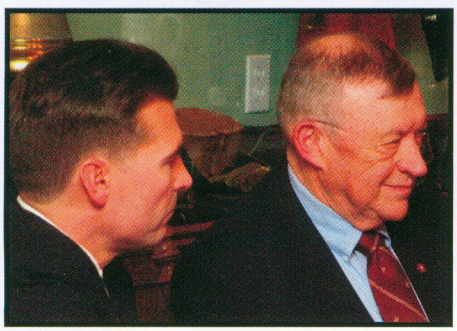
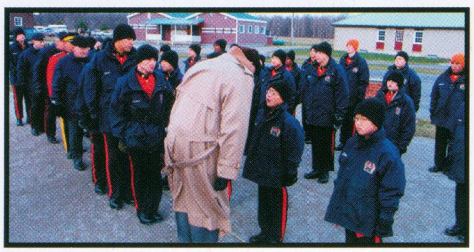




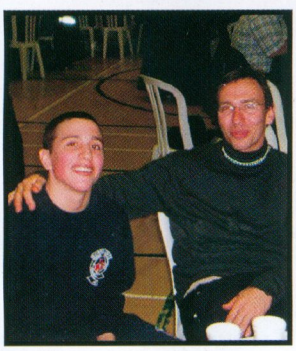


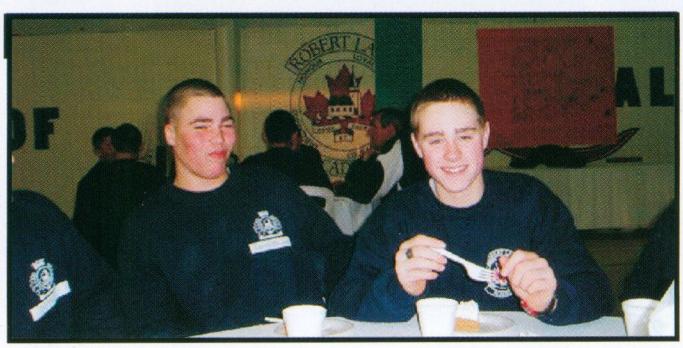


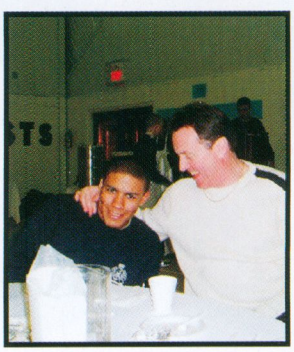


Father - Son Day

Each year on a cold winter day fathers spend a day at the Academy with their sons! Spending time around the bonfire, competing in unusual events, and eating too much is a recipe for a day of fun!







Change of Command Parade

A Change of Command Parade is a ceremony to say "well done" and "goodbye" to the Commanding Officer of a Cadet Corps, and "welcome" to the new CO.

Major S. Lyttle, CD passing his command on to the new CO, Captain C. Breede, CD.

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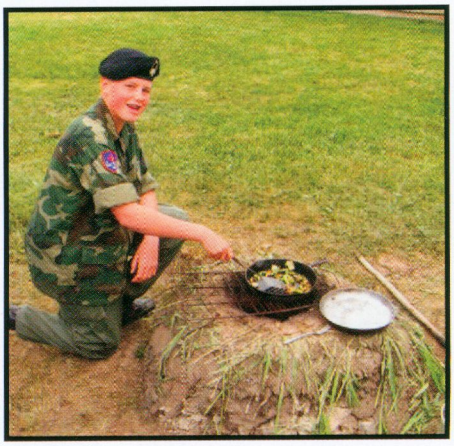

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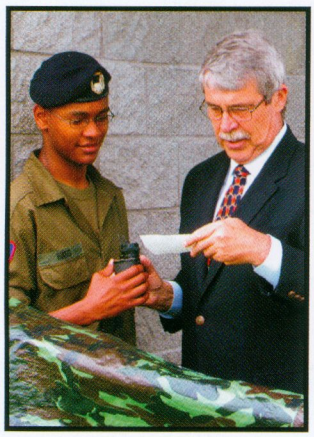
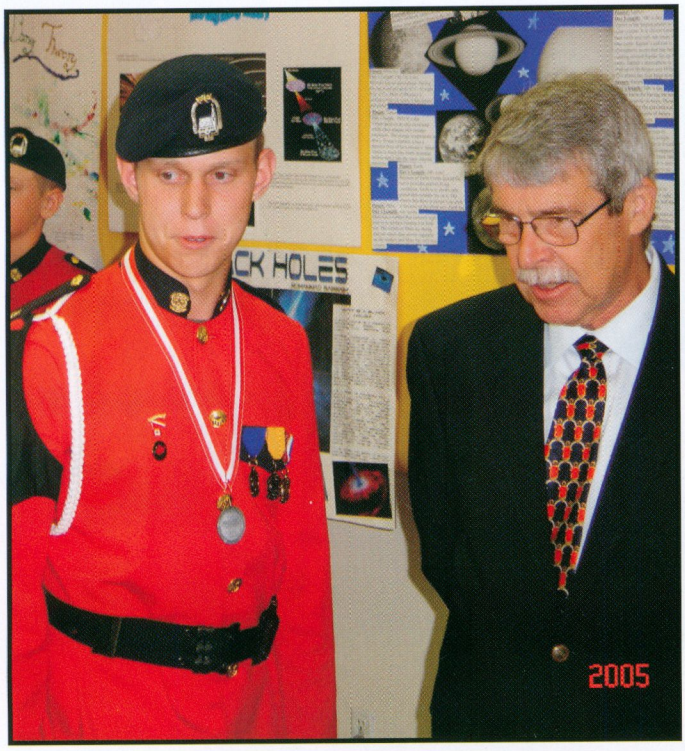
ANNUAL INSPECTION

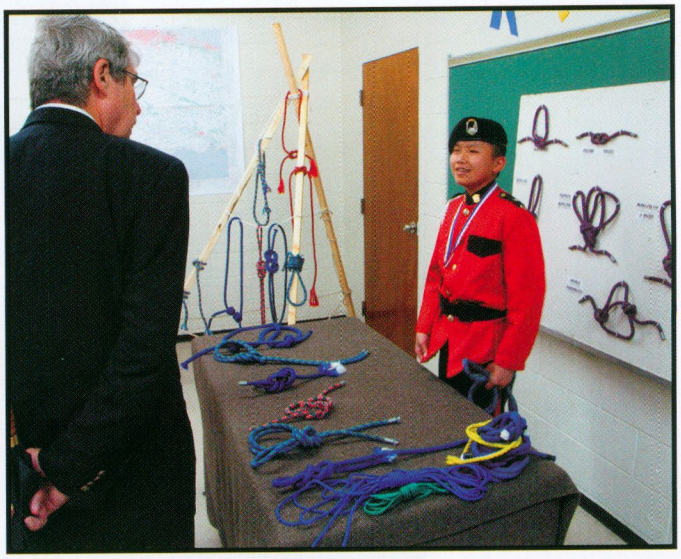
Cadet Justin Harris (below) describes to the Inspecting Party skills learned in the Bravo Company Outdoors Skills Programme.



Cadet Joseph Remer (right) participates in the marksmanship diplay. Throughout the year, Joseph had the opportunity to practise and perfect his marsmanship skills.



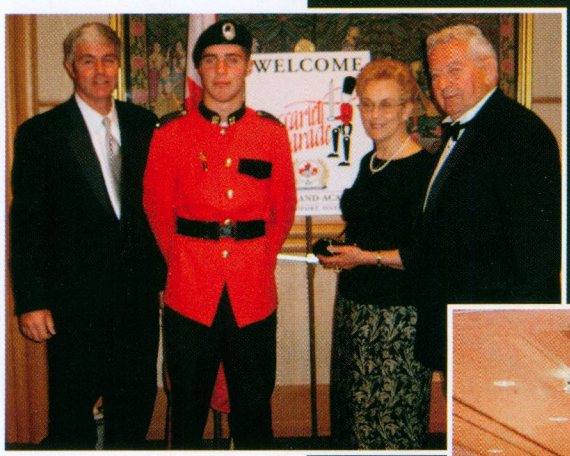
Inspecting Officer Dr. K. Weber (left) reviews a display as Adrian Lazarovits provides a detailed explanation. Below, Cadet Raymond Chau demonstrates skills learned in the Alpha Company Environmental Science Programme.



Above, Cadet Devin Hummer provides a practical demonstration of the bushcraft skills learned by the students of Alpha Company.

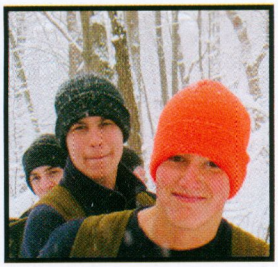
Mrs. Weber (left) poses with the students of Alpha Company after presenting her with a birthday card.

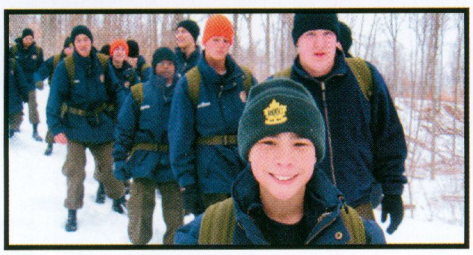
Scarlet Parade is the Academy's annual black-tie gala fundraising event. Held at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel, this year's event raised funds for the Founder's Scholarship Fund.



Winter Exercise

For those students who miss the benefits of the Fall Exercise, the Academy Sergeant Major has a pleasant surprise! The Winter Exercise are for those who need a challenging experience to define who they are.





Remember When?

TIME CAPSULE

2004 ~ 2005

BIG WINNERS

NHL ~ No Stanley Cup

NBA ~ San Antonio Spurs

NFL ~ New England Patriots

MLB ~ Boston Red Sox

US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
George W. Bush

IN THE NEWS

Sept. 2004 – Auditor General Sheila Fraser revealed that the federal national unity programme never reported its (fraudulent) spending to Parliament, launching the 'Sponsorship Scandal'.

The 2004/05 NHL hockey season was cancelled as the league locked out members of the NHL's Players' Association over a salary cap issue. In baseball, the Toronto Blue Jays' payroll reached $75 million U.S. The CBC replaced 'Hockey Night in Canada' with a series of movies. A hockey-starved nation gave thanks as Team Canada won the World Junior Hockey Tournament.

April 2005 – Pope John Paul II died, after leading the Roman Catholic Church for 27 years. The most-widely-traveled Pope, he was noted for both his reforms and his conservatism. He was replaced by Pope Benedict XVI.

TOP 10 GROSSING FILMS

1. Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith - $380 million
2. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire - $250 million
3. War of the Worlds - $230 million
4. The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe - $228 million
5. Wedding Crashers - $210 million
6. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - $206 million
7. Batman Begins - $205 million
8. Madagascar - $190 million
9. Mr. & Mrs. Smith - $185 million
10. Hitch - $175 million

ON THE CHARTS - WEEK OF JUNE 23, 2005

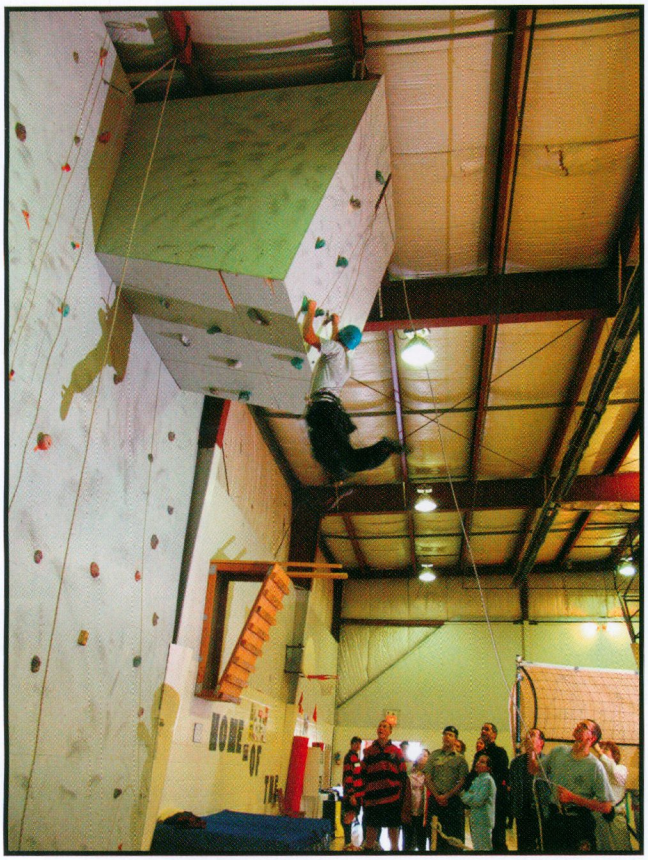
1. *"Hollaback Girl" by Gwen Steffani*
2. *"Don't Phunk With My Heart" by Black Eyed Peas*
3. *"We Belong Together" by Mariah Carey*
4. *"Behind These Hazel Eyes" by Kelly Clarkson*
5. *"Switch" by Will Smith*
6. *"Holiday" by Green Day*
7. *"Incomplete" by Backstreet Boys*
8. *"Don't Cha" by Pussy Cat Dolls (feat. Busta Rhyme)*
9. *"These Boots Are Made For Walkin'" by Jessica Simpson*
10. *"Beverly Hills" by Weezer*

A LOOK AT PRICES IN 2005

Butter $3.89/lb
4 litres of milk $4.59
500g of Maple Leaf Bacon $5.49
T-Bone Steak $26.43/kg
Regular Ground Beef $3.73/kg
1 Doz. XL Eggs $2.49
Nestle Drumsticks 4pk $5.49
Ritz Crackers $2.49/box
Pillsbury Pizza Pops 4pk $3.29

Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup $.87
Bravo Spaghetti Sauce 680ml $1.29
Dempster's Whole Wheat Bread $2.39
McCain Crescendo Deluxe Pizza $6.49
1 kg McCain Steak Cut Fries $1.69
2 litres Tropicana Orange Juice $3.79
Pkg Philadelphia Cream Cheese $2.99
525g Frosted Flakes $4.29
400g Vector Cereal $3.99
310g Bag of Doritos $2.99

Nabob 12oz. Coffee $4.69
1.89 litres V-8 Juice $3.49
2 litre Bottle of Coca-Cola $1.79
Axe Brand Deodourant $7.49
Speed Stick Deodourant $2.99
3.2 kg Tide Original $8.79
McDonald's Big Mac Combo $5.49
2005 Saturn Ion $23,750
1 litre Regular Gasoline $.75-$1.36



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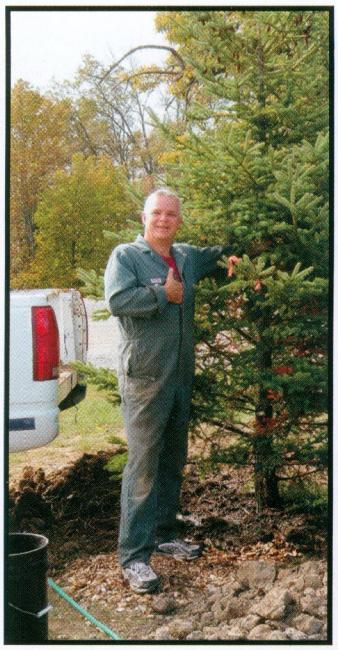
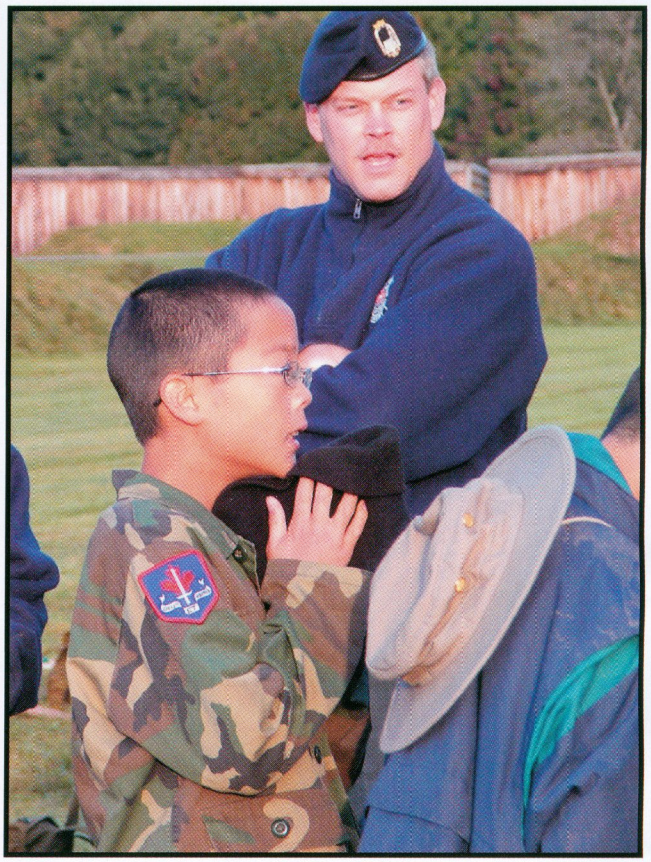
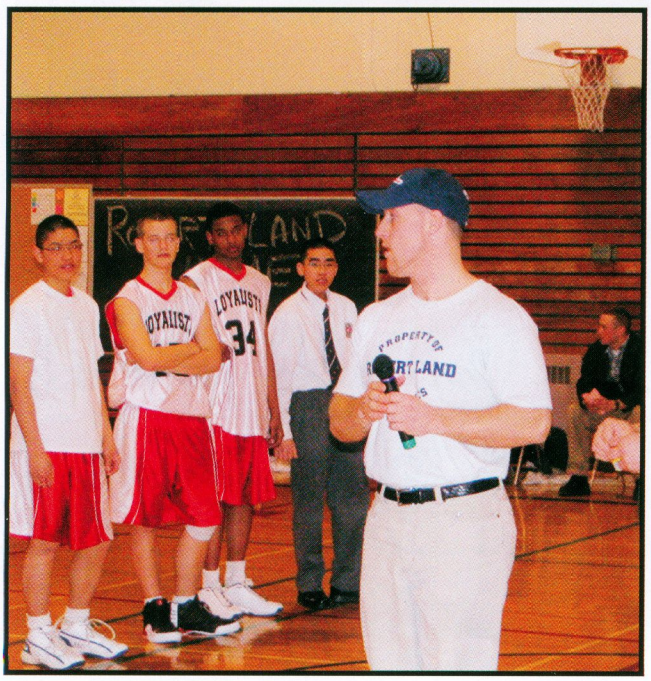
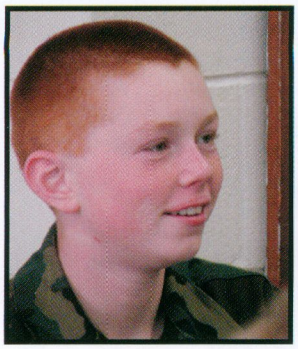
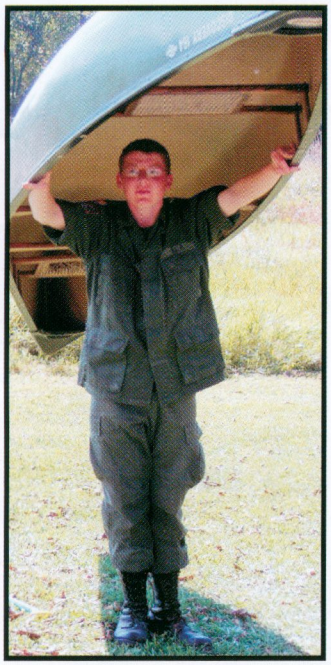






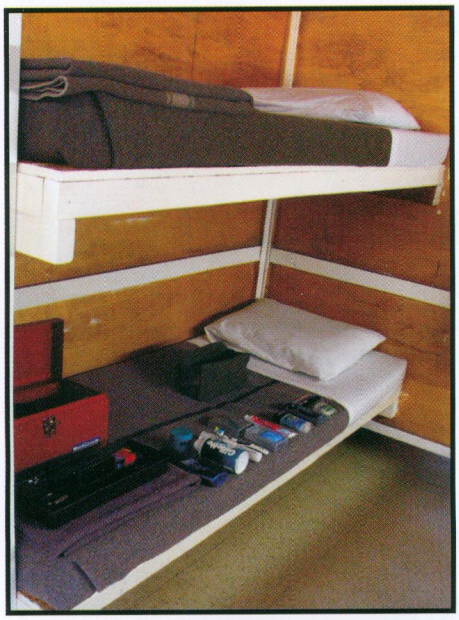


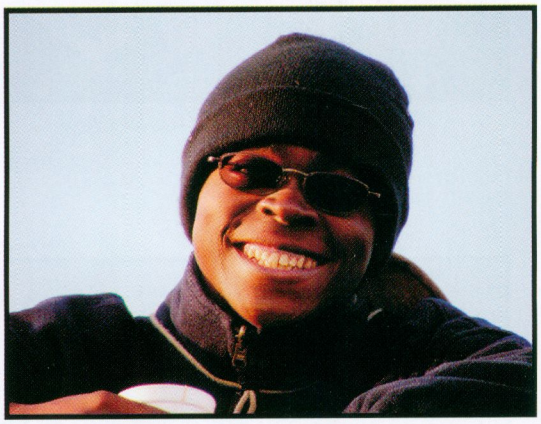


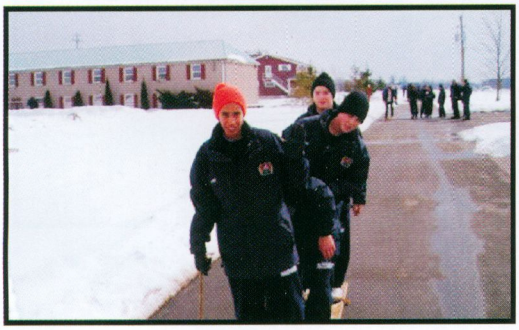
Remeberance Day Services – Stelco, Hamilton, ON

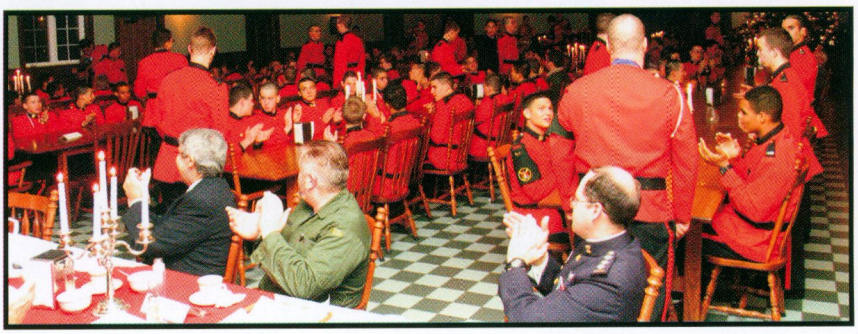
Bounder Elite visit Washington, DC

Planting trees at Robert Land Academy.









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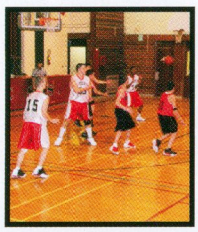
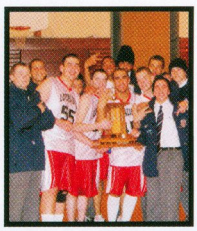
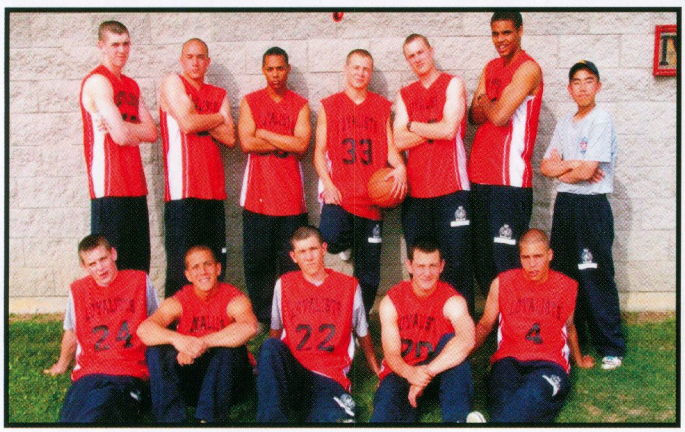




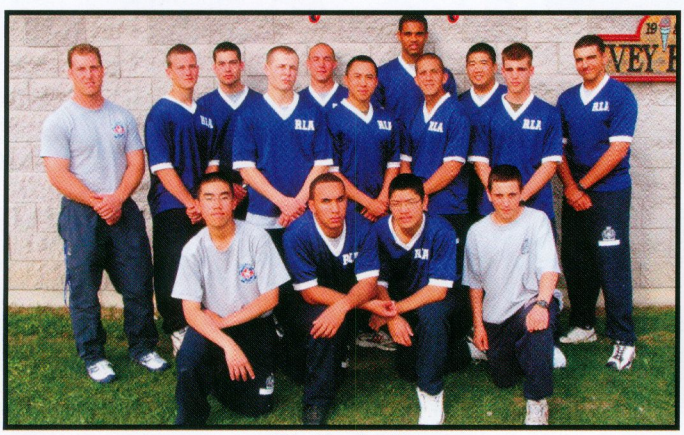


Senior Basketball

BACK ROW: R. Gal, A. Zygouris, J. Dantley, B. Hogarth, P. Jacobs, M. Talbot, C. Cheung (Manager)
FRONT ROW: T. Perry, C. Kinsella, K. Vincer, S. Gill, T. Kleiner
ABSENT: Coaches Lt. Miller & Lt. Servos

Junior Basketball

BACK ROW: 2Lt. Whyte (coach), A. Pietrantonio, R. Denham, C. Babcock, K. Lam, N. Volpe, K. Chin, C. Cheung (manager), WO Bolton (coach)
FRONT ROW: J. Bergatt, J. Harris



Volleyball

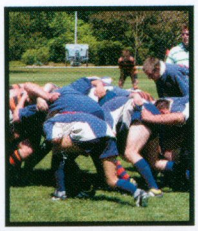
BACK ROW: 2Lt. Whyte (coach), N. Volpe, I. Eddington, B. Hoggarth, A. Zygouris, I. Ho, M. Talbot, C. Kinsella, O. Lam, R. Denham, R. Olsen
FRONT ROW: C. Cheung, J. Bergatt, K. Lam, K. Latendorf (manager)
ABSENT: C. Eastwood

Cross Country

BACK ROW: 2Lt.Jack (coach), A. Belov, D. Raspoutine, I. Dolgopolov, A. Mendoza Baez, R. Stagg, C. Eastwood, T. Perry, K. Vincer, E. Kokbas, J. Eckebil
FRONT ROW: S. Gill, N. Omar, A. Fournier, I. Matsievski, A. Montgomery

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARDS

Jr. Basketball - D/Bar. C. Babcock
Sr. Basketball - L/Cpl B. Hogarth
Cross Country - Bar. R. Stagg
Rugby - L/Cpl A. Pietrantonio
Soccer - L/Cpl Kinsella
Track & Field - D/Bar P. Jacobs
Volleyball - Bar K. Lam
Wrestling - Cpl. I. Eddington



Wrestling

BACK ROW: 2Lt. Kingsubury (coach), J. Duerkesn, J. Al Amry, R. Olsen, S. Hopkins, I. Edington, E. Kokbas, R. Rubino, 2Lt Brown (coach), Lt. Simmons (coach)
MIDDLE ROW: M. Kleiner, C. Klassen, I. Dolgopolov, P. Poon, A. Nye, D. Arjune, A. Mendoza Baez
FRONT ROW: D. McNeil, R. Watton, D. Au, K. Chung, A. Devine, P. Li, A. Al Braik
ABSENT: C. Eastwood

Rugby

BACK ROW: 2Lt. Prodjer (coach), G. Leitch, B. Moore, N. Meyerman, A. Pietrantonio, O. Lam, C. Klassen, S. Hopkns, M. Lubelsky, M. Talbot, R. Stagg, A. Milne, S. Bosnjak, R. Rubino, R. Waton, A. Montgomery, C. Miller, CSM Routery (coach)
FRONT ROW: L. Phillips, A. Shepard, N. Volpe, M. Cathers, A. Nye, T. MacKenzie, A. Ali, D. Arjune

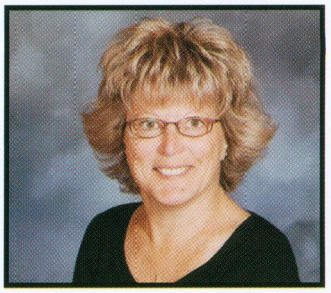
Track & Field

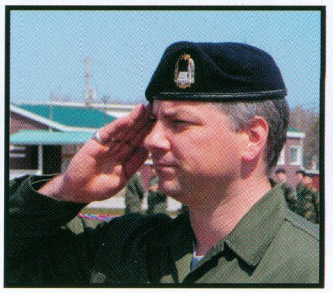
BACK ROW: J. Dantley, K. Vincer, J. Wiseman, P. Jacobs, R. Olsen, E. Horkoff, K. Dillon, 2Lt. Banta (coach)
FRONT ROW: I. Dolgopolov, M. Diosy, L. Phillips
ABSENT: Capt. Erola (coach), C. Eastwood

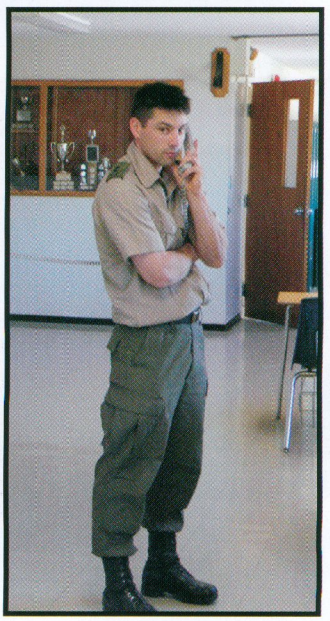
Soccer

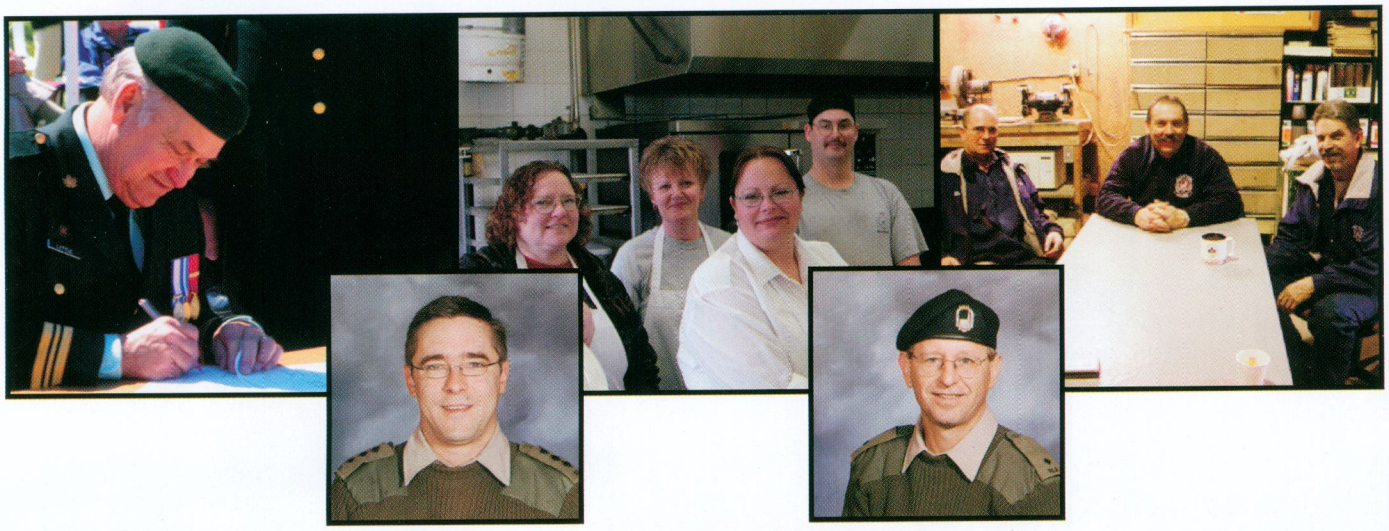
BACK ROW: 2Lt. Rigby (coach), A. Abdullah, A. Goldman, M. Kleiner, M. Sabbagh, R. Ge, C. Solomon, D. Au, R. Denham, I. Ho, C. Kinsella, W. Wu (manager), T. Kleiner, S. Gosselin, A. Al Braiki, Lt. Walcer (coach)
FRONT ROW: S. Gill, S. Lee, E. Graveran, A. Zygouris, D. Raspoutine, N. Omar, C. Cheung, C. Christopher, A. Chan, P. Li ABSENT: C. Eastwood

Academy Staff





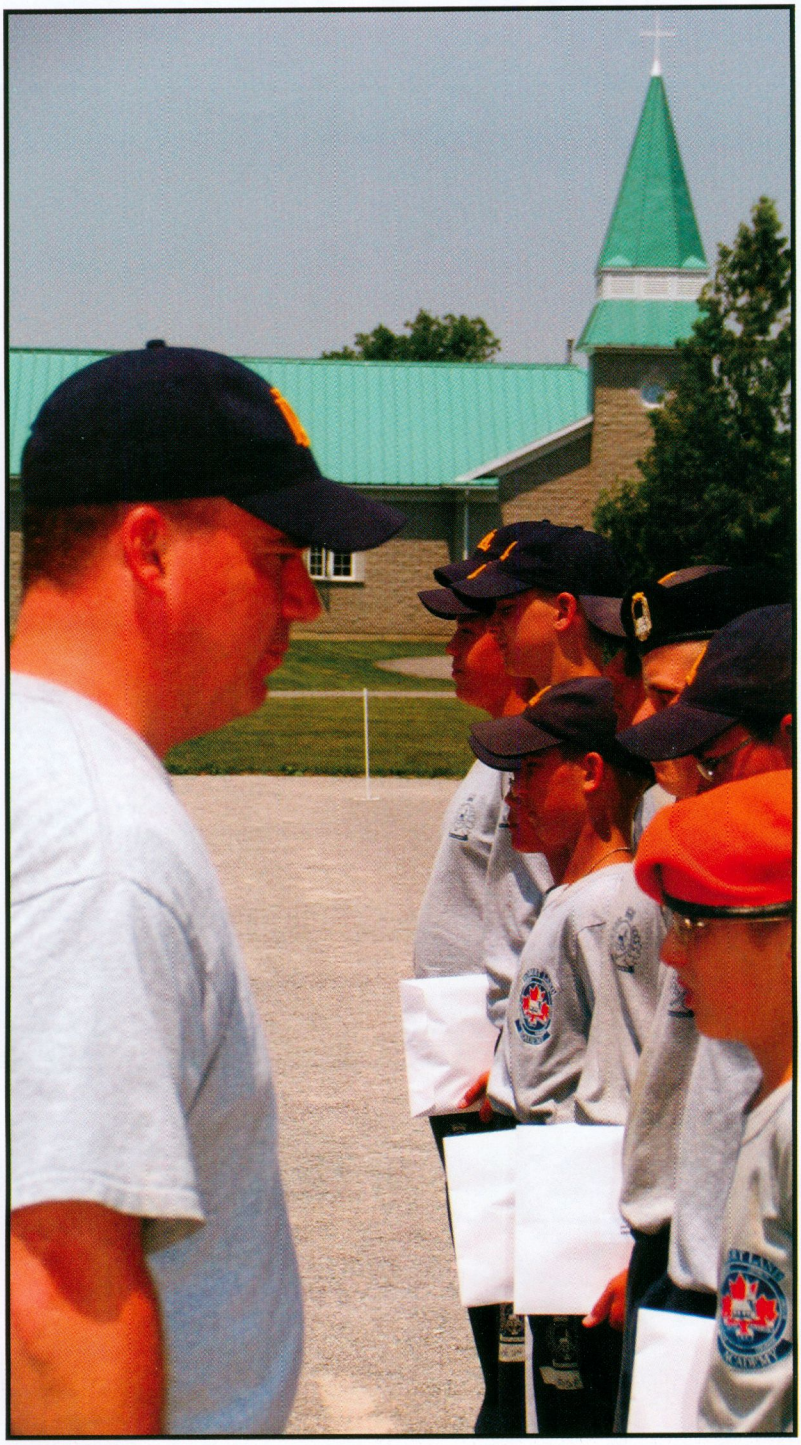




IN MEMORIUM

2Lt. T. Rigby

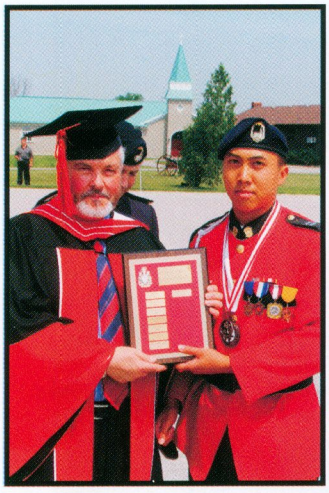
1968 - 2005

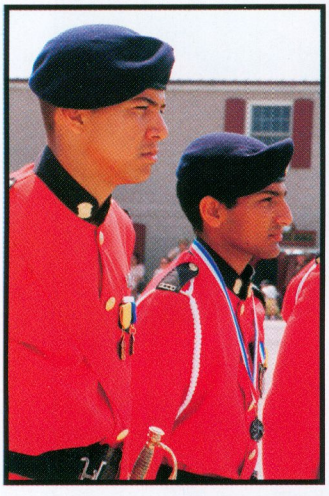


The news of the tragic death of 2Lt. Timothy Rigby, an outstanding A Company staff member, caused tremedous sadness for us all. 2Lt. Rigby was taken suddenly due to an industrial accident in St. Catharines, Ontario on Monday, July 18, 2005, leaving his wife Kelly, sons Tyler (9), Court (7) and daughter Katie (4).

2Lt Rigby was born August 27th, 1968 and grew up in St. Catharines. He began teaching at the Academy in January 2005 and assisted coaching the soccer team in the spring. In his short time at the Academy he was respected and admired by all. He will be truly missed.

Honour Parade





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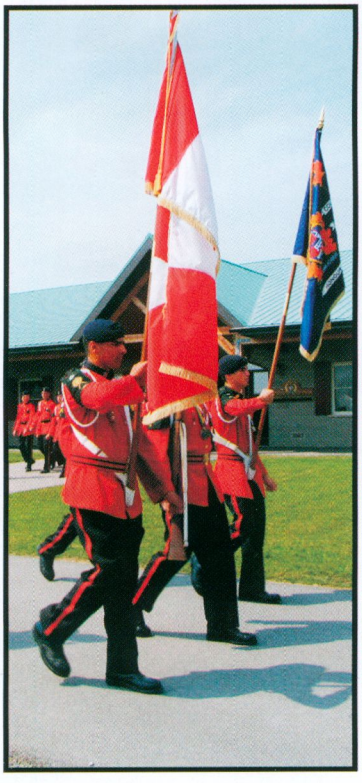
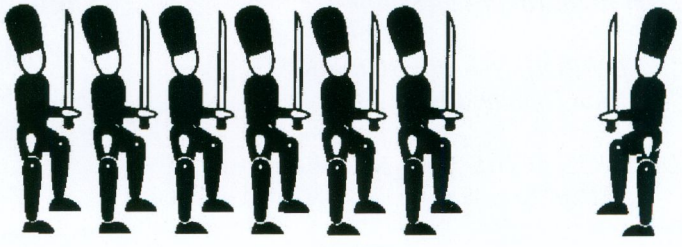




AWARDS

JUNIOR ATHLETIC AWARD
Bar Nicholas Lock

ROBERT LAND ACADEMY EXPLORERS AWARD
Bar Phillip Vessio

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Bar Alexander Nye

KENDO AWARD
MCpl Adrian Fournier

BAND MASTER'S AWARD
DBar Philip Poon

CADANCE AWARD
Bar Nicholas Lock

MUSKETRY AWARD
MCpl Adrian Fournier

CREATVIE WRITING AWARD / BOHDAN CIRCA
LCpl Richard Ge

COLIN SMAGATA CUP
DBar Andrew Devine

FRENCH BOOK PRIZE (Senior / Junior)
DBar Andrew Devine - Junior
DBar James Pfiffner - Senior

SENIOR SCIENCE BOOK PRIZE
LCpl Richard Ge

SENIOR MATHEMATICS PRIZE
Cadet Timothy Perry

UCLID COMPETITION
Cadet Timothy Perry

VISUAL ARTS PRIZE
Cadet Daniel Kupnicki - Junior
DBar Cliff Dyck - Intermediate
LCpl Brent Hogarth - Senior

WELLAND PRINTING ARS BURSARY
DBar Timothy Fisher

CENTAURI ARTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
MCpl Eric Wang

James Fitzgibbon Award

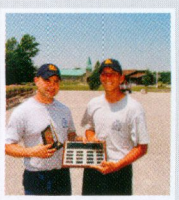
Barman Mark Holmes

Isaac Brock Award

Master Barman Anderson (Hu-Yan) Leung

Sergeants' Major Award

Lance Corporal Conor Kinsella



Principal's Award of Excellence

Sergeant Wilson Wu

Parade Sergeant Major Award

Warrant Officer Christopher Solomon

Head Boy Award

Sergeant Shawn Davis

Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award

Barman Robert Olsen

ACHIEVEMENT

HEADMASTER'S MEDAL

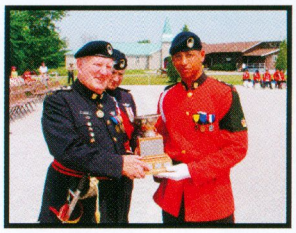
Warrant Officer Christopher Solomon

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD

Cadet Ivan Ho

W.L. HAWKINS AWARD

Sergeant Wilson Wu



ROBERT LAND TROPHY

Warrant Officer Christopher Solomon

SENIOR ENGLISH BOOK PRIZE
DBar Ryan Waton

SENIOR COMPUTER SCIENCE BOOK PRIZE
Bar Sungchan Lee

RLA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
DBar Naser Omar

ROYAL BANK SENIOR BUSINESS & COMMERCE PRIZE
Cadet Timothy Perry

BILLY BISHOP AWARD
Cadet Jacob Duerkson

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DUNNVILLE BRANCH 142 / RCAC SERVICE AWARD
Cpl Ian Edington

ACHIEVMENT AWARD FOR CREATIVE WRITING
Bar Anthony Duffney

PAUL HUNTER GOLD CITIZENSHIP AWARD
DBar Andy Cheung

LARRY DAVIDSON MEMORIAL AWARD
Sgt. Wilson Wu

JOHN HAY TO LIFE AWARD
DBar Tobias Kleiner

AMCSUS AWARD
DBar Andy Cheung

HONOUR ROLL

Marks 80% and Above

Jamal Al Amry
Cameron Babcock
Marvick Chan
Raymond Chau
Ryan Denham
Adnrew Devine
Bobby Dhillon
Christopher Eastwood-Miles
Ian Edington
Ryan Gal
Richard Ge
Vincent Gelinas
Sebastien Gosselin
Ivan Ho
Brent Hogarth
Mark Holmes
Philip Jacobs
Sofian Khanji
Errol Kokbas
Daniel Kupnicki
Kevin Lam
Oliver Lam
Sung Chan Lee
Anderson Leung
Joshua Lloyd
Nicholas Lock
Michael Lubelsky
Alexander Nye
Hunter Parrish
Tim Perry
Adrian Pietrantonio
Tyler Relyea
Mohammad Sabbagh
Christopher Solomon
Jacky Tam
James Tam
Nicholas Volpe
Ryan Waton
John Wu

MARKS OF DISTINCTION

Marks 75%-79%

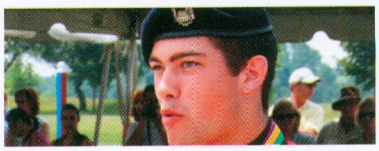
Ahmed Al Braiki
Drew Arjune
Darren Au
Andrew Belov
Andy Cheung
Kyle Cook
Ryan Denham
Garrett Doyle
Anthony Duffney
Cliff Dyck
Brandon Dyment
Andrew Fiala
Timothy Fisher
Nicholas Gegan
Adam Goldman
Stewart Hopkins
Evan Horkoff
Frank Huang
Karl Latendorf
Igor Matsievski
Christopher Miller
Andrew Milne
Ronald Passerelli
Landon Phillips
Kei Won Poon
Robert Rubino
Nicholas Sant
Peter Tchotchuoa
Wilson Wu

Senior NCO's

Head Boy
Sgt. Shawn Davis

Parade Sergeant Major
WO Christopher Solomon

Valedictory Address



Cpl. Ian Edington

Colonel Bowman, Members of the Board, Faculty of the Academy, fellow Cadets, and Ladies and Gentlemen. We are gathered here today to celebrate the achievements of the graduating class of 2005. We are also here today to bring an end to an important phase of life and to leave this Academy, with knowledge that we are starting a new beginning.

I have given many speeches through my schooling. For most of them, I have picked a topic and just spoken about it with no notes or no paper. This time, I decided to be a bit more conservative – I did write a speech Dad – in case you were wondering.

My experience at RLA can be summed up in a few lines from my first letter home: "This place is hell and I can't get out of it, and if I could I'm not sure I would want to. I don't know why but I am starting to like it here. It is tough and all my muscles are aching … I have absolutely nothing but the necessities to worry about and not enough time to worry about them."

Throughout our time here at Robert Land Academy we have accomplished many goals both personal and as a group. We have been pushed to the limits of mental and physical abilities. We have grown together side by side. We have learned a lot from each other, and we have worked together through the good times and the hard times. We have demonstrated character, and have built upon it.

Before we came to the Academy, most of us had difficulties at home, at school, and in our communities. We came from all across the world. We had different backgrounds, different cultures, even different religions. But when we started the recruit course – all of that was set aside. We had something in common – no one wanted to be here.

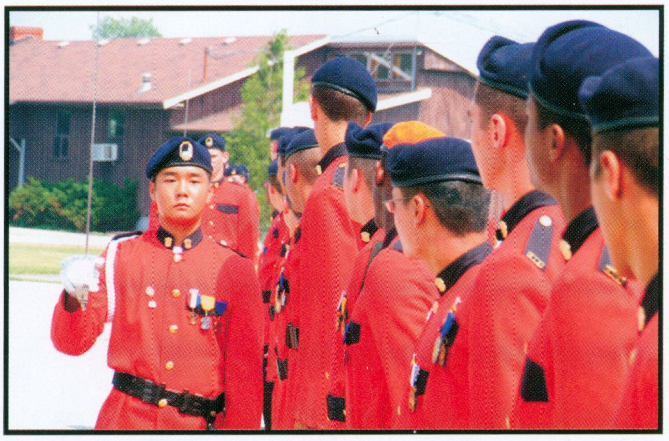
The recruit course at RLA is one of the most difficult and unforgettable things any of us have ever gone through. It was a time when character was tested and the limits that we had set for ourselves were redefined. Certain memories of it stand out above the others, like the feeling of uneasiness, and watching Lazarovits, with a look of pure terror on his face, waiting for a staff member to pop around the corner.

But our years here weren't all stress and fear. Once school got started, we had good times. The Fall Exercise was one of those times when we could just walk, talk and get to know people we had been with for almost a month. Of course, that first Fall Exercise was mostly spent trying to prove that our character had improved enough to earn our cadet.

With the completion of the Fall Exercise came our first leave home. That was the first time that I really realized how much my family meant to me. All that time away from my friends and fun, with people I had just met and did not necessarily like, made me realize that my little brothers weren't so bad after all.

Once we became cadets, life could only get better – if, we followed the rules. The shock was over and we soon realized that the decisions we made affected us much more directly than we had been used to. Many of us got jobs around the Academy, earning rank and respect along the way. We were all given the chance to succeed. Lt. Kingsbury, a man who sometimes says wise things, once told me that "It hurts just as much whether you win or lose, but you notice it half as much when you win" and boy was he ever right! Did it ever feel good to win something be it in sports, academics, or in rank and position. It made us strive for the top. Our limits were our own to make.

The Spring Exercise came quickly as did Annual Inspection. By the time the PSM had been named, everything was running smoothly and we were already looking forward to the end of the year.

And now we are here. I know that it must be hard for many people in this twenty-first century to understand just how beneficial something we don't like can be for us. Many of the cadets on this Parade Square, I'm sure, feel the same. To those who don't understand, all I would like to say is look at us. We are much different men than those who came here, much better men, and I'm honoured to be able to call you my friends.

I didn't like it here but look at what it has done for us. We have finished high school and we are moving on to bigger and better things, by continuing our education to the next level. But whatever we do in life and wherever we go, we will never forget this place for what it has taught us and for how we came together whatever the differences. For that, I would like to thank you Colonel Bowman, ASM Zahra, Captain Ness, Captain Milliken, DSM Robinson and all the faculty of Robert Land Academy. Mom and Dad – I would like to thank you as well for supporting me throughout this time and continuing to support me. I couldn't do it without you. Finally, thank you Cadets of Robert Land Academy for the time we have spent together and for the chance to be part of you. God Bless.